

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 7, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
H-107, United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
H-204, United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Minority Whip  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi, and Minority Whip Hoyer:

We appreciate the quick action taken by the House of Representatives to approve \$7.85 billion in emergency funding, including \$7.4 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) to address some of the immediate needs of those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. We are also encouraged by the recent announcement of a top level number of \$15.25 billion that includes an additional \$7.4 billion for the Community Development Block Grants and \$450 million for the Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program. However, we still believe that increased funding for FEMA's DRF is vital for the agency's ability to plan, prepare and respond to the looming disasters presented by Hurricanes Irma and Jose.

As Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, we are deeply concerned that FEMA will run out of funding before it can assist those impacted by Hurricane Irma, which is expected to make landfall in South Florida this Sunday, September 10th. According to FEMA's Administrator Long, the agency is currently spending between \$150 to \$200 million per day, and has a DRF balance of \$917 million, with \$461 million in the Majors account and \$456 million in the Base account. Even with the addition of the House passed \$7.85 billion, FEMA estimates that it will only be able to continue providing support and relief efforts through September 30th, at the latest.

With a full legislative agenda pending this month, it is imperative that the House can reassure our constituents and our local governments that there will be adequate funding to address their critical needs during and after this devastating natural disaster. Once again, we urge your immediate consideration of additional emergency funding for FEMA to continue servicing disaster events.

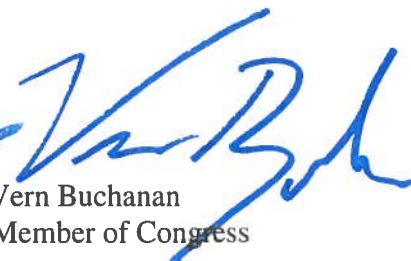
Sincerely,



Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress



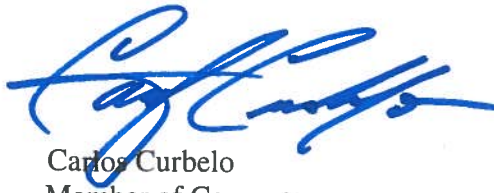
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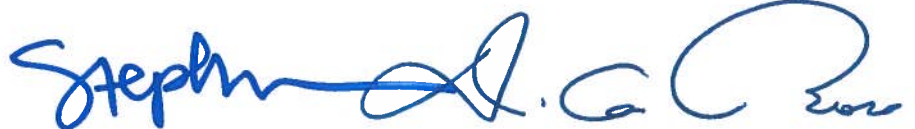
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